

Parish Health Profiles 2005 — Your Parish at a Glance				
	West Feliciana	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
ECONOMICS, 2000				
% All persons in poverty	19.9%	19.6%	12.4%	--
% Children under 18 in poverty	26.0%	26.6%	16.6%	--
% Unemployed 16 and over	5.6%	7.3%	5.8%	--
EDUCATION 2002-2003				
School Expenditure per Student	\$9,216	\$6,906	--	--
Student Attendance (average daily attendance as a % of the average number of students enrolled)	94.0%	93.5%	--	--
% High School Drop Outs (as a % of incoming 9th grade)	3.7%	7.0%	--	--
MOTHERS AND CHILDREN, 2002				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	26.1	10.2	7.0	4.5
% Receiving prenatal care within first 3 months	82.5%	83.8%	83.7%	90.0%
% Receiving adequate prenatal care (modified Kessner)	79.7%	78.9%	76.2%	--
% Low birth weight	9.6%	10.5%	7.7%	5.0%
% Births to teens ages 15 - 19	18.3%	15.5%	10.6%	--
% Children fully immunized by 2 years old	--	69.8%	78.5%	90.0%
INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 2003 (new cases - rate per 100,000 population)				
Syphilis (primary and secondary)	--	4.1	2.5	0.2
Early Syphilis (primary, secondary and early latent)	NA	8.6	5.4	--
Chlamydia	92.6	469.8	304.3	3.0
Gonorrhea	79.4	265.6	116.2	19.0
Tuberculosis	0.0	5.8	5.1	1.0
STATEWIDE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, 2002 (death rate per 100,000 population)				
Heart	218.2	248.4	241.7	166.0
Cancer	**	209.7	193.2	159.9
Cerebrovascular Disease	**	57.4	56.4	48.0
Accidents	**	46.7	37.0	17.5
Diabetes	**	39.5	25.4	45.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory	**	37.8	43.3	--
COMMUNITY SAFETY, 2003				
Validated cases of child abuse/neglect (rate per 1,000 population)	4.1	10.9	12.4	10.3
Deaths caused by motor vehicle crashes (rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled)	2.8	2.1	1.5	0.8
HEALTH BEHAVIORS, 2004				
	Region 2	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
% Current cigarette smokers (adults 18+)	20.9%	23.5%	21.0%	12.0%
% Obese - BMI > 30 (adults 20+)	23.4%	27.0%	31.1%	15.0%
% Having a mammogram within 2 years (women 40+)	81.0%	74.3%	74.6%	70.0%
% Having a pap smear within 3 years (women 18+)	88.6%	85.2%	85.9%	90.0%
% Having a flu shot in past year (adults 65+)	74.7%	68.6%	67.9%	90.0%

Data Sources:

Economics: U.S. Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data, 2000

Education: Louisiana Department of Education District-reported data submitted to the Student Information System (SIS) end-of-year (EOY) report and Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP) System. Office of Management and Finance, Division of Planning, Analysis and Information Resources. District Composite Report 2003-2004.

Mothers and Children: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005

Infectious Diseases: DHH/OPH, Sexually Transmitted Disease Program. 2004 and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Trends in Reportable Sexually Transmitted Disease in the United States, 2003". NA = Rate not available, # of cases is less than 5

Leading Causes of Death: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005 (**Rates for counts less than 20 are unreliable and are not reported)

Community Safety: Child Abuse--Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, prepared by Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana and Motor Vehicle Deaths--EMS/Injury Research & Prevention Program

Healthy Behaviors: DHH/OPH, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2004

History^{1,2}

This beautiful, rural parish was created on February 17, 1824, by a division of the original Feliciana Parish. It is steeped in history, still in evidence in the many antebellum homes and buildings. Feliciana means “happy land.” John James Audubon, the famous naturalist, lived here for a short while and painted many of his Birds of American in the lovely woods near Oakley, while engaged there as a tutor in the 1820s. Bayou Sara, below the bluffs of St. Francisville, was once a thriving river town. Called New Valencia by the Spanish, it was one of the earliest towns in the Florida parishes, and was established as a trading post in 1790. Before 1860 it was one of the largest points between Natchez, Mississippi, and New Orleans when “cotton was king.” The boll weevil, the demise of steamboat traffic, floods, and fire combined to bring about its decline. The town charter was revoked in 1926. St Francisville, the parish seat of government, is one of the most picturesque towns in the state and is the successor to Bayou Sara. The name is derived from a monastery build by Capuchin friars in 1785 in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. Fort St. Reine, on the town’s present site, existed as early as 1736. Today the parish is building for the future while preserving its past, which makes it a special “happy land.”



Parish Seat³ St. Francisville

Major Cities (population over 5,000)
N/A

Parish Population⁴

2000.....	15,111
2003 (estimate)	15,232
2000 Population by Race	
White.....	48.6%
African-American	50.5%
Some other race.....	0.9%
Hispanic of Latino (of any race)	1.0%
2000 Population by Age	
Under 5 years	4.6%
5-14	11.7%
15-17	4.0%
18-19	2.0%
20-24	6.7%
25-64	63.8%
65 & over	7.2%

Geography and Statistics⁵

Average elevation	115ft.
Land area in square miles	406
Water area in square miles	120

Climate

Average temperatures

Annual	66°
January	58°
July	91°
Annual average rainfall	61.1 inches

Labor Force (2001)⁶

West Feliciana Parish

Civilian.....	3,436
Employed	3,236
Unemployed.....	200
Unemployment.....	5.8%

Louisiana

Civilian.....	2,055,000
Employed	1,956,500
Unemployed.....	98,500
Unemployment Rate	4.8%

Colleges/Universities (within one hour commute)

- Louisiana State University and A&M College
- Southern University and A&M College
- Louisiana State University and A&M College at Eunice

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<http://www.ldol.state.la.us/forms/lmi/CLF_Parishes_2000-Present.xls>